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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Aleutians East Borough

Project Title: Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Aleutians East Borough - Cold Bay Airport Apron and Taxiway Construction

State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000 House District: 37 / S

One-Time Need

### **Brief Project Description:**

The requested funds would be used to build a new aircraft parking apron and taxiway to access the new Aleutians East Regional Airport Terminal in Cold Bay.

**Funding Plan:** 

| Total Cost of Project: \$6,000,000 |               |           |                        |      |                         |    |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|------|-------------------------|----|
|                                    | Funding Secur | <u>ed</u> | Other Pending Requests |      | Anticipated Future Need |    |
|                                    | Amount        | FY        | Amount                 | FY   | Amount                  | FY |
| Federal Funds                      |               |           | \$5,000,000            | 2011 |                         |    |
| Total                              |               |           | \$5,000,000            | _    |                         |    |

# **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Prior to the Aleutians East Borough's construction of a new airport terminal in Cold Bay, the lack of infrastructure acted as a barrier to bringing in new air carriers to service the region's thriving seafood industry. In spite of its status as the third longest non-military runway in the state, the Cold Bay Airport is not utilized by large aircraft except under emergencies. The Borough constructed its terminal on leased land off the runways and outside the Runway Viability Zone, as directed by the Alaska DOT/PF.

Past DOT/PF administration promised to bring an apron to the building, if constructed. The AEB constructed the \$5 million building with a large local contribution from its general fund and state and federal grants. However, the apron project appears to be stuck in the DOT/PF planning process.

The Borough has worked with Alaska Airlines and other large aircraft freight operators as well as the existing carrier, Pen Air, to meet their needs. However, without an apron and taxiway to the new \$5 million Terminal, the carriers are not interested.

The Aleutians East Borough would like to work with the Alaska Dept of Transportation to construct an airport apron measuring 550 feet x 500 feet in front of the new terminal building about 900 feet east of runway 14-32. The taxiway to the runway will be 75 feet wide. The apron and taxiway will be paved to accommodate jet and turboprop aircraft.

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## **Project Timeline:**

Final design and permitting will be complete by April 2011 and construction will occur during the summer of 2011 with completion by December 2011.

#### **Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities

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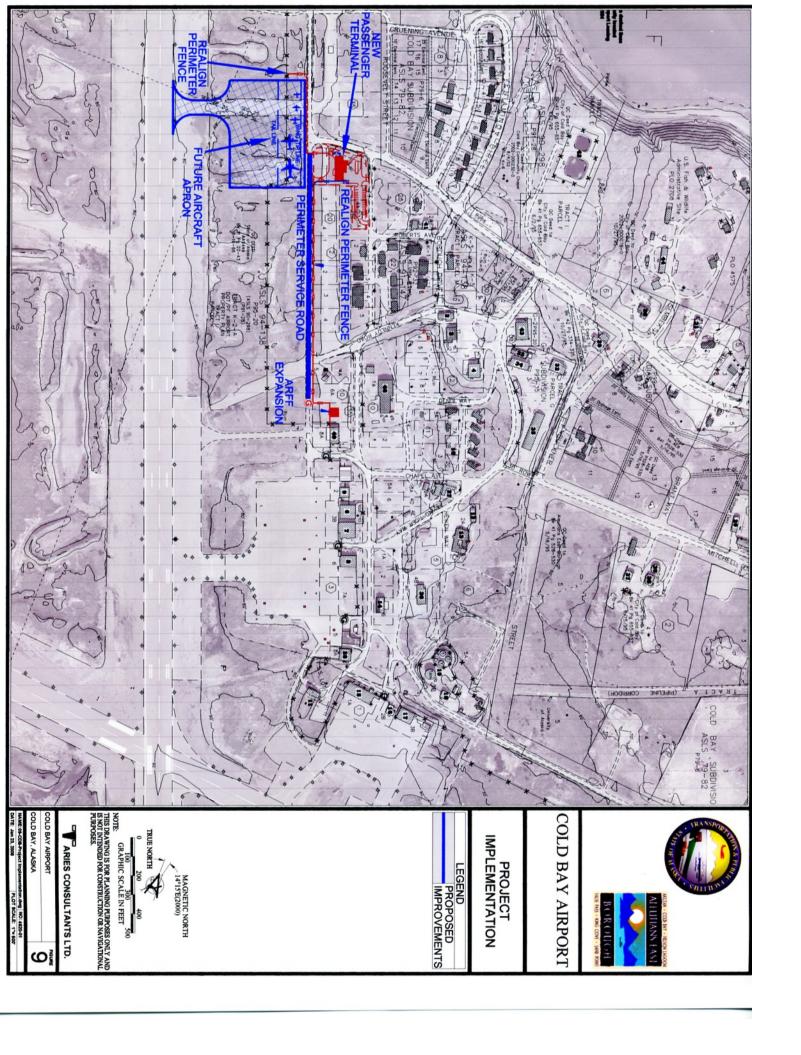
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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Sharon Boyette Aleutions East Borough 3380 C Street Anchorage Alaska 99502

Dear Sharon,

Thanks for taking the time to show me the Cold Bay Terminal plans and facility layout.

PenAir would be very interested in leasing space for our airline passenger and cargo operation in your new facility.

There remains however a problem that makes it unable for us to consider leasing from you and that is the fact that there is no apron or taxi-way that allows us to get close enough to the terminal to make it practical for us to use it as such.

When a ramp is constructed we would like to meet and discuss leasing space from you until then we will continue operations from our present facility.

Danny Seebert

President

PenAir